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STANDARDS FOR THE COVERAGE OF ORGAN TRANSPLANT SERVICES

Transplants

- a) Application for prior approval of an organ transplant should originate from a transplantation center recognized by the Department as a participating center; should be submitted only after patient evaluation and a decision by the transplant team that the patient is a good candidate for transplantation.
- b) Department approval of the medical necessity and appropriateness of transplant procedures is granted on prior approval basis by the Department's physician consultant in conjunction with the State Medical Advisory Committee within thirty days of the request for prior approval. Transplant procedures will not be approved if:
 - 1) the procedure is specified as experimental at the time by the State Medical Advisory Committee based upon current reports from the National Institutes of Health, the Illinois Department of Public Health's Experimental Organ Transplantation Procedures Board, the American Medical Association's Council on Scientific Affairs, as well as current literature;
 - 2) another procedure costing less or of less risk will achieve the same results;
 - 3) the transplant does not make a difference in the patient's health and performing the transplant will merely serve an academic purpose; or
 - 4) the transplant is relatively unsafe given the age and prognosis of the individual.

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